

POULTRY FIGURES IN CENSUS REPORT

Special to Daily News.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Statistics relative to poultry reported on farms in continental United States at the Thirtieth Decennial Census, April 15th, 1910, are contained in an official statement issued today by Director Durand.

The total number of farms reporting poultry for 1910 was 5,585,022, or 87.8 per cent of all farms in the country. Only 6,507 of the farms reporting poultry failed to report chickens. Turkeys were reported from 871,123 farms, or 13.7 per cent; ducks from 563,794, or 7.99 per cent; geese from 662,324, or 10.4 per cent; guinea fowls from 339,528, or 5.3 per cent, and pigeons from 109,407, or 1.7 per cent.

The number of fowls reported in 1910 was 295,880,000 and their total value was \$154,663,000, or an average value of fifty-two cents. Nearly 95 per cent of all the fowls were chickens. They numbered 280,345,000 and their value was \$140,206,000, the average value being fifty cents. Turkeys numbered 3,689,000 and were valued at \$6,606,000, the average value being \$1.79. The ducks reported numbered 2,987,000 and were valued at \$1,567,000, with an average value of fifty-four cents. The total number of geese was 422,000 and the value \$3,195,000, or an average value of seventy-two cents. Ostriches to the number of 5,361 were reported with a value of \$1,096,000, or over \$200 each. The ostriches were reported from five states, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida and Texas.

Iowa ranks first in the total value of poultry, amounting to \$12,270,000. Texas is tenth with a value of \$4,807,000.

Hooked Up.

The young politician was as obliging as possible, but there was a limit to his possibilities. When the reporter asked him what his wife would wear at the mayor's reception, he assumed a confidential air.

"I'll tell you just as much as I know myself," he said. "Last night she told me she would wear white; this morning at breakfast she said she'd decided on her rose-colored gown, and when I said good-by to her she had spread a gray one beside the rose-colored on one chair, and her black lace beside the white on another, and was taking something else out of the wardrobe. If her hair hadn't caught on a hook as she turned round, I might have been able to tell you more."

HALF CENT COINS NEEDED

Baltimore News.

"Deepse not the day of small things" is mighty good philosophy, even though it does leap at us, from childhood to the grave, from copy-books and other anthologies of moral maxims. And so it comes about that Representative Bulkley of the Cleveland district of Ohio is winning fame rather than notoriety by introducing a bill to authorize the coinage of a 3-cent piece.

The suggestion may have been born of the Cleveland fight for 3-cent fares, but out of it has grown a practical boost for greater economy in public and private expenditures. As a nation, we seem to have been gifted with an imagination so crude that we couldn't conceive of a measure of value smaller than a cent. We adopt a lofty air of Beau Brummel, who answered a beggar's request for a penny with "Fellow, I don't know the coin."

Now that the subject has been brought up, the indications are that a bill authorizing the coinage of a half-cent and a two-and-a-half cent piece will be substituted for the measure authorizing the 3-cent piece. It will enable people to make fractional change in many transactions which would not be affected by the 3-cent

piece, which, after all, would not have any surpassing advantage over three copper coins outside of Cleveland and other fortunate towns where the 3-cent fare prevails. When eggs are 37½ cents a dozen, for example, it will be possible to negotiate a trade without the alternative of "calling it even" or breaking an egg.

Nobody needs to be told that the people in the old country, where the unit of values is usually 20 to 24 cents, are much thrifter than we are in this country, where the unit is four or five times as great. If the price of theater tickets in this country were "seven francs" and shoes sold for "twenty marks" we would feel instinctively that we were spending an awful lot of money. And then the centimes and the pfennigs and centavos and centesimi—little measures of values with a coinage all their own—they exercise a sort of psychological influence, as it were. Most important of all, the ability to make exact change takes care of the half pennies, and so the real units take care of themselves.

Representative Bulkley has rendered a real service by bringing this matter up. It would be fortunate if the half-cent were coined and used until the American people "knew the coin."

WOOD CITES NEED

OF ARMY REMOUNTS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Major General Leonard Wood, in his annual report to the Secretary of War, regards as a national calamity the shipment of thoroughbred horses abroad; for he sees it he time when the army will be unable to secure proper remounts.

The Southern Commercial Congress announced today that it has been for some weeks preparing to consider the whole subject of horse and mule breeding in a section of the fourth annual convention of the congress at Nashville next April. The section will be under the chairmanship of George M. Ronnel, Chief of Animal Husbandry Division, United States Department of Agriculture. The following gentlemen will speak to the subjects indicated.

E. B. White, Leesburg, Va., "The Draft Horse in the South"; Capt. C. H. Conrad, Jr., in charge of Front Royal Remount Depot, Front Royal, Va., "The South as a Source of Army Remounts"; Gen. John B. Castleman, Louisville, Ky., "The American Saddle Horse"; J. L. Jones, Columbia, Tennessee, "The Mule—Breeding, Feeding Management and Market Re-

quirements."

The purpose of the Congress in having this thorough discussion of horse and mule breeding is to increase the wealth of the South by showing the farmers of the South how both climate and soils lend themselves to the successful raising of stock.

New Use for X-Rays.

It is claimed that the X-rays have been successfully applied in France to the detection of adulterations of food, where the adulterants consist of some kind of mineral matter. The food to be examined is reduced to powder and spread thinly upon glass. An X-ray photograph of the glass reveals the presence of the mineral particles by the failure of the rays to penetrate them as they penetrate the other constituents of the powdered food.

A Pennsylvania County's Oil Wells.

In McKean county whenever they want funds to run the county affairs they just put down an oil well on the county farm and up the money gushes. The South Penn drilled a well last week that is doing five barrels a day after being given a shot of 80 quarts of nitroglycerin. A farm like that is a mighty convenient thing for a county to have.—Philadelphia Record.

BASEBALL NOTES.

The New York Giants won the Cuban series played in Havana, coping 9 out of the 12 games played.

Jimmy Barrett, the old Cincinnati and Detroit star, has signed to manage the Des Moines team next season.

The new owners of the Toledo team have made arrangements for the "Hens" to train in Lexington, Ky., next spring.

Harry Patee, the former Brooklyn-Rochester player, has been engaged to coach the Brown University baseball squad.

Marty Hogan, for several years manager of Tri-State league teams, has quit the game and will go into business in Youngstown, O.

James E. Gaffney, the new owner of the Boston Nationals, says the South End park is too small and that he intends building a new plant.

Manager Fred Tenney, of the Boston Nationals, is writing a book on baseball specially intended for boys between the ages of ten and sixteen.

Pitcher Hogan, who has been signed by the Boston Americans, is quite a performer on the ice and a member of a hockey team in Northern Michigan.

It is said that Hugh Duffy has a two-year contract as manager of the Milwaukee team, which calls for \$15,000. That's Class AA salary all right.

Followers of the Cubs are pleased to learn that Manager Frank Chance will be in the game next season, holding down his old position at first base.

An effort is being made to combine the Ohio and Pennsylvania and Central leagues. Both leagues met with considerable financial difficulty last season.

After many delays, work on the new American league park in New York has been started. The contract calls for the completion of the plant by April, 1912.

Newark has signed first baseman Harry Swacka. Two years ago Swacka was tried out by Pittsburgh, and last season he managed the Mobile Southern league team.

Monte Cross, the old Philadelphia player and last season manager of the Scranton team, will perhaps be appointed manager of the Lynn New England league team.

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